

# **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Fishing Regulation Revision Process 2005-2007 Fishing Seasons**

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| <b>Ongoing</b>  | Regions review management objectives and monitor fish populations and habitat.   |  |
| <b>March-April<br/>(2004 - 2006)</b>  | Regions initiate internal discussion of necessary regulatory changes. Communicate with Enforcement.  |  |
| <b>March-April<br/>(2007)</b>   | Public scoping on statewide and region identified recommendations through club meetings, surveys and citizen advisory groups. General review and update of all regulations will be considered.   | <b>Public Involvement</b>  |
| <b>May-June<br/>(2004 - 2006)</b>   | Regions submit package of proposed regulation changes (generally address errors, emergencies or specific conservation objectives only).  | <b>Regional Supervisors approve proposed changes from regions.</b> |
| <b>June<br/>(2007)</b>  | Regions submit package of proposed general regulation changes. Fisheries Programmatic Regulation Committee meets to develop initial department recommendations.  |  |
| <b>July<br/>(2004 - 2007)</b>   | Tentative regulation package prepared and provided to Commission.  | <b>Director approves Tentative Regulations.</b>                    |
| FWP proposed tentative regulations available to public on FWP WebPage.  |  |  |
| <b>August - October<br/>(2004 - 2007)</b>   | <p><b><u>FWP Commission Meeting August 5, 2004</u></b><br/>Commission will consider and adopt a Tentative Fishing Regulation package.</p> <p>Tentative regulations/changes on FWP WebPage. <b>Public comments accepted through September 10.</b></p> | <b>Public Involvement</b>  |
| <b>September<br/>(2004 - 2007)</b>  | <p>Regional and Helena staff develop Final Regulations based on public comment and Commission input.</p> <p>Public comment summary, FWP responses, and FWP recommendations for final regulation changes available on FWP WebPage.</p>                | <b>Director approves Final Regulations.</b>                        |
| <b>October<br/>(2004 - 2007)</b>  | <p><b><u>FWP Commission Meeting October 7, 2004</u></b><br/>Adoption of Final Regulations.</p>   | <b>Public Involvement</b>  |
| <p>Final regulation changes adopted by Commission available on FWP WebPage.<br/>2005 Regulation booklet available for public distribution beginning in February 2005.</p> |  |  |